

**Andrew Jackson to Thomas Pinckney, April 5, 1814,
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TO THOMAS PINCKNEY.1

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Fort Williams, April 5, 1814.

Sir: I shall take up the line of march from this point on the 7th. Inst., and proceed in the first place, to Haithlewaule; which I expect to reach and attack on the 11th. It would be a fortunate occurrence if Colo. Milton and the Carolina troops should advance thither or make a diversion in the neighbourhood, about the same time. I lament that the difficulty of transmitting letters safely to camp Hull prevents me from concerting such arrangement, as I could wish.

At Haithlewalle I expect to meet the greatest force of the enemy that I shall at any place have to contend with; and that being dispersed, I presume I shall experience but little difficulty in establishing a position at or near the Junction. I find great difficulty in providing the means of transportation from this place—it cannot be effected at this time, if it ever can by means of the river, and by land it is scarcely less practicable. The want of corn has so reduced my horses that they are scarcely able to travel at all and are quite unable to carry burthens; and I am without waggons for this purpose, unless I withdraw some of those engaged on the line from Deposite to Ft. Strother and from the latter place hither. Thus situated I have determined to take with me only eight days rations which we can carry on our backs, and to depend, for the next supplies on what you shall be able to furnish me—if no means can be provided of forwarding them in the meantime from this

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place. The indians have returned home; and independantly of this loss I shall set out with a force greatly diminished by sickness death and discharges; but sufficient, I trust for the objects of the expedition—quite sufficient I am sure, if I should derive the least advantage from Colo. Milton of the Carolina Troops or from those under the command of Lt Colo. Russle.